

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear and to force their affiliate stations to air the show, is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Broadcasters who use the public airwaves free of charge are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, and use those airwaves to endorse particular candidates or a particular political agenda, we are in danger of no longer being a free and open society. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.